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Defe	endants.
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1	STIPULATIONS
2	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022;
3	(Proceedings in the above-titled matter
4	commencing at 10:05 a.m.)
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6	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the
7	attorneys for the respective parties that this
8	deposition may be taken by the Plaintiff at this time
9	pursuant to notice;
10	IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED, that all
11	objections except as to the form of the questions and
12	responsiveness of the answers, be reserved until the
13	time of the trial;
14	IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED, that pursuant to
15	Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 30(e)(1) the witness
16	requests to review the transcript and make any
17	corrections to same before any Notary Public;
18	IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED, that if the
19	original deposition has not been duly signed by the
20	witness and returned to the attorney taking the
21	deposition by the time of trial or any hearing in this
22	cause, a certified transcript of the deposition may be
23	used as though it were the original;
24	IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED, that the
25	attorneys for the parties are individually responsible



1	OFFICER BRIAN CALA - BY MR. SHIELDS
2	MS. JONES: Objection.
3	A would say that based on the training
4	that we've received that you could encounter a dog in
5	one out of three residences. So 33 percent of
6	residences according to training.
7	Q. Okay. And what training are you referring
8	to?
9	A. In the PowerPoint presentation that I
10	reviewed regarding aggressive dogs.
11	Q. Okay. Before you reviewed that PowerPoint
12	training, based on your experience is that consistent?
13	MS. JONES: Objection.
14	A. I again, I would have no way of being
15	100 percent accurate in answering that question.
16	Q. When's the last time that you responded to
17	a residence and there was a dog present?
18	A. Probably a week ago.
19	Q. And before that?
20	A. There's dogs present pretty consistently.
21	Q. So multiple times a week would you say?
22	A. I would.
23	MS. JONES: Objection.
24	Q. More than half of the calls to residences?
25	MS. JONES: Objection.



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2	A. I I don't know. I can't honestly
3	answer that question. I don't know.
4	Q. Okay. In your 24 years with the Rochester
5	Police Department, have you ever heard of an officer
6	being disciplined for shooting a dog?
7	MS. JONES: Objection.
8	MR. SHIELDS: That's an improper
9	objection.
L O	What's objectionable? Can you please
11	explain?
12	MS. JONES: That's not within his
13	knowledge. He doesn't work for the PSS. That's not a
L4	fair question.
15	MR. SHIELDS: I asked if he had ever
16	heard. Can you please listen to my question before
L7	you make an objection that is unreasonable. Because
18	I'm not going to let you just make objections
L9	throughout the deposition that are completely you
20	need to state you need to state objection
21	relevance, objection outside the scope of his
22	knowledge.
23	MS. JONES: That's what I stated in the
24	past and you told me not to say that. Earlier I said
25	asked and answered and you said not to.



Т	OFFICER BRIAN CALA - BY MR. SHIELDS
2	MR. SHIELDS: You need to say objection
3	asked and answered. That's all you're allowed to say
4	when you object.
5	You can't make a speaking objection. And
6	you can't just say objection, objection,
7	objection because that disrupts the flow of my
8	questioning.
9	You're not allowed to do that.
10	MS. JONES: So saying more doesn't
11	interrupt the flow of your question?
12	MR. SHIELDS: You say objection hearsay,
13	objection privileged. That's it. That's a clear and
L4	concise way to state an objection.
15	Q. I'm sorry, Officer.
L6	Can you please answer my question or do
L7	you want me to ask it again?
18	A. I have not.
L9	Q. And in your 24 years of experience with
20	the RPD, have you ever heard of an officer being
21	required to get additional training as a result of
22	shooting a dog?
23	MS. JONES: Objection.
24	A. I have not.
25	Q. And following this incident, you weren't



Τ.	OFFICER BRIAN CALA - BY MR. SHIELDS
2	disciplined, correct?
3	A. That is correct.
4	Q. Following this incident, you weren't
5	required to get any additional training, correct?
6	A. That's correct.
7	MS. JONES: Objection.
8	Q. Following the four prior incidents where
9	you shot dogs before this incident, you were never
LO	disciplined or required to get additional training,
11	correct?
12	MS. JONES: Objection.
13	A. Yes. That's correct.
14	MS. JONES: You're asking a lot of leading
15	questions if you want to know why I'm objecting.
16	MR. SHIELDS: I can ask leading questions.
L7	That's completely proper in my deposition. I'll ask
L8	questions however I want to ask questions.
19	MS. JONES: I'm just letting you know why
20	I'm objecting.
21	MR. SHIELDS: You can't object to me
22	asking leading questions. They're proper questions.
23	MS. JONES: The form of the question is a
24	valid objection.
25	MR. SHIELDS: That's an invalid objection



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2	assuming that I am. It looks like I'm retreating away
3	from the dog.
4	Q. And now we're at 11:42 and 11 seconds.
5	Okay. It looks like the dog is shot at
6	this point, right?
7	A. I guess you can't see in the video.
8	Q. So you can't see in the video the dog
9	crouching at all.
10	But you can see in the video that the dog
11	had paused for a second, correct?
12	A. Correct.
13	Q. And do you think in that one second if you
14	hadn't had your gun out but something else that the
15	dog would have attacked you after it paused?
16	A. I don't are you implying the dog
17	attacked me because I had my gun out or if I had a
18	baton in my hand the dog wouldn't have attacked?
19	Q. You know what, that was a bad question.
20	But what I want to know is when the dog
21	paused, if you handled the situation differently at
22	that moment, do you think you could have avoided
23	shooting the dog?
24	MS. JONES: Objection.
25	A. Well, it's hard to tell what would have



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2	happened after that moment. So whether I struck the
3	dog or I don't know if that would have been
4	effective in ceasing the dog's aggression or and
5	the dog would have been shot anyway or if the dog
6	wouldn't have been shot. It's impossible to know
7	that.
8	Q. The dog wasn't charging at you, right? It
9	stopped its forward movement, right?
10	MS. JONES: Objection.
11	A. In that one second which is not when I
12	shot the dog.
13	Q. So you paused?
14	A. Correct.
15	Q. The dog paused.
16	And you believed after that that the dog
17	was going to attack you?
18	A. That's correct.
19	Q. And why did you believe that?
20	A. Because of the because of the dog's
21	aggression and the fact that he looked as
22	though the dog looked as though the dog was going
23	to lunge towards my direction.
24	Q. And have you ever been trained on how to
25	handle a situation like this where a dog is



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2	approaching you to avoid shooting the dog?
3	A. Only that you could potentially deploy
4	other options.
5	Q. Did you ever get any training on how to
6	use different body language or speak to the dog in a
7	calm manner to try to get it to stop any perceived
8	aggression?
9	A. I believe that was part of the Humane
10	Society training.
11	Q. Do you remember what they told you about
12	that?
13	A. I don't recall right now. What you are
14	alluding to sounds familiar.
15	(The following exhibit was marked for
16	identification: Number EXH 10.)
17	Q. All right. Let's put up the Humane
18	Society training and just go through that a little
19	bit. That will be Exhibit 10 for this deposition.
20	And this is entitled "Dog Bite Prevention
21	for Law Enforcement." And it's put on by the Humane
22	Society of Greater Rochester; is that right?
23	A. Yes.
24	Q. And before I start asking questions
25	specifically, do you remember when you took that



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2	training?
3	A. I don't.
4	Q. Okay. This PowerPoint is entitled "2014."
5	Do you know if it was in 20 in or around 2014?
6	A. I I believe it was prior to this
7	incident. I don't know what year it was.
8	Q. Do you remember who the instructor was at
9	the training?
10	A. No. I know that it was a Humane Society
11	officer.
12	Q. When you say "officer," are they like
13	deputized officers?
14	A. They are peace officers.
15	Q. Does that mean they can carry a gun?
16	A. Yes.
17	Q. So let's just go through slides.
18	All right. So this is the second page.
19	Reno DiDomenico, R-E-N-O, D-i-D-O-M-E-N-I-C-O, is the
20	officer on the second page.
21	Do you remember whether that might have
22	been the officer
23	A. Yes. I believe it was.
24	Q the officer that held the training?
25	I'm sorry. I was trying to make the



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2	record clear.
3	A. Yes. Yes.
4	Q. This third page is just a bunch of
5	officers with dogs.
6	The fourth page "Objectives. Know the
7	common dog encounter scenarios that lead to dog bites.
8	Give four signs or actions to perform to determine
9	whether dogs are on the property. Identify how to
10	avoid dog bites. Recognize three physical signs of
11	aggressive dogs. Be familiar with improvised tools
12	for dealing with aggressive dogs. Known techniques to
13	minimize personal injury in the event you are
14	attacked."
15	So after reading the title of the
16	PowerPoint and the objectives, is it fair to say that
17	the main focus of this training was on avoiding dog
18	bites?
19	MS. JONES: Objection.
20	A. That it appears to be part of it.
21	Q. If we just go back to the first page, the
22	title of the program is "Dog Bite Prevention for Law
23	Enforcement," correct?
24	A. Okay. Yes.
25	Q. And before we go through all the slides,



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2	is that what you recall the focus of the training to
3	be?
4	A. I I guess so. I don't
5	Q. As opposed to something else like hey,
6	this training is about specifically dog behavior?
7	A. Right. How to avoid sure. How to
8	avoid being bit by a dog while in the performance of
9	your duties.
10	Q. That's the main focus of the training,
11	correct?
12	A. It appears to be based on the title.
13	Q. Thank you.
14	Okay. And is this the slide that you were
15	referring to earlier?
16	A. Yes, it was.
17	Q. Which says in slide number 5 "Officers
18	will encounter a dog in at least one of three
19	residences."
20	Now, do you remember if that is specific
21	to the County of Monroe, to the City of Rochester, to
22	the United States of America or something else?
23	A. I don't know what the context of that
24	statement is.
2.5	O. Okay. And this training, do you know if



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this was given just for Rochester Police Department
Officers or were there other agencies there as well?
A. No. There were no other agencies there at
the time that I received the training. But it could
potentially be given to other agencies. I don't know
if it was or wasn't.
Q. Okay. So just based on this slide, we
don't know if that one-in-three number on slide number
5 is referring to specifically the City of Rochester
or a different geographic area, correct?
A. That is correct.
Q. Okay. So slide number 6 says "Problems
for Law Enforcement, Consequences of Inappropriate
Action." First bullet point "Unnecessary injury of
killing of animals who are not a threat. Risk of
self-inflicted injury, friendly fire, or bystander
injury. Negative public image of officers,
departments, and profession as a whole. Lawsuits and
legal actions."
Do you remember that slide from the
training?
A. Yes. I guess. This training was a long
time ago.
Q. Do you agree that those are all various



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2	problems and consequences that could happen from
3	shooting a dog?
4	A. Yes, I do.
5	Q. The seventh slide says "Officer
6	Liability." And it's a cartoon from the Simpsons with
7	a caption that says "I am a public servant so I'm not
8	permitted to use my own judgment in any way."
9	Now, do you know why that slide was
10	included? Do you remember any commentary that was
11	made about that slide?
12	A. No, I don't.
13	Q. Do you agree that you're not permitted to
14	use your own judgment in any way as a police officer?
15	A. No. I don't agree with that.
16	Q. Because, in fact, you have to do the exact
17	opposite, right, you have to use your own judgment
18	every day?
19	A. Correct.
20	Q. This slide only talks about New York State
21	law, correct?
22	A. That's what it appears to be discussing,
23	yes.
24	Q. It doesn't talk about any prohibitions
25	under the United States Constitution?



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2	A. That's correct.
3	Q. And that's slide number 8 of 51.
4	And then this slide number 9 talks about
5	the Fourth Amendment, correct?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. And it talks about the fact that the
8	destruction of a pet can be classified as an unlawful
9	seizure, correct?
LO	A. Yes.
11	Q. Do you understand that to be one of the
12	claims in this case?
13	A. Yes.
L 4	Q. And then slide number 10 discusses
15	immunity. Do you understand that immunity is one of
16	the defenses that you're asserting in this case?
L7	A. Yes.
L8	Q. And can you tell me, you know, what you
L 9	base that immunity defense on?
20	MS. JONES: Objection.
21	But go ahead.
22	A. The fact that in the performance of my
23	duties I was attacked by a dog and I felt that it was
24	proper to shoot it at that point.
25	0. So you felt that your actions were



1 OFFICER BRIAN CALA - BY MR. SHIELDS 2. reasonable under the circumstances? 3 Α. That's correct. 4 Based on your training and experience? 5 Α. Yes. Well, I'm not going to ask you questions 6 7 about that slide because I think that's a mistake of 8 law on number 11. 9 "Individual Officer Immunity," two-prong 10 Have you ever learned this two-prong test about test. 11 immunity before other than this training? 12 I'm sure it's been discussed. 13 So in general, it says, you know, even if 14 you violated a constitutional right, if your actions 15 were reasonable under the circumstance, you would be 16 entitled to immunity? 17 Α. No. 18 Well, I guess that was my legal 19 interpretation of -- so I mean, this slide 20 specifically says to be accurate "Individual Officer 21 Immunity. Officer subject to two-prong test. 2.2 officer action violated constitutional right. 23 under the circumstances, a reasonable official would 24 have known that his or her conduct violated the 25 right."



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2	Did I read that accurately?
3	A. Yes, you did.
4	Q. And do you agree that's the test that you
5	were taught as an RPD officer?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. And then the thirteenth slide has a
8	white and it looks like an envelope almost with an
9	X. Do you remember whether or not there was a video
LO	that might have been played?
11	A. It may have been. I don't know what that
L2	could possibly be other than that.
L3	Q. Do you remember watching videos
L 4	specifically at the training?
L5	A. I don't.
L 6	Q. Okay. Then slide number 15, it says "Why
L7	do dogs bite?" It says "Excitement/play.
L8	Possession/Protection. Fear. Accidental. Attention.
L 9	Sick/Injured. Dangerous dog."
20	Do you remember talking about those topics
21	at the training?
22	A. Yes.
23	Q. And was it ever discussed at the training
24	that if someone if a dog encountered someone on the
25	property, they might be excited?



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2	A. Yes.
3	Q. And they might approach you?
4	A. Yes.
5	Q. Okay. Were you taught that what were
6	you taught to do if an animal appears to be excited
7	and approached you?
8	A. To attempt to put something between you
9	and the animal or attempt to back away from the
10	animal.
11	Q. Anything else?
12	A. Again, not that I recall right now.
13	Q. Okay. Did they discuss the incidents or
14	the numbers of police officers that suffer injuries
15	from interacting with dogs?
16	A. I don't recall that being a topic.
17	Q. Okay. And now we're on slide 16. And
18	that's entitled "Animal Force Continuum," correct?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. It says "Dogs use force to protect
21	themselves or others they believe are in their pack.
22	Dogs use only as much force as necessary. Vocal
23	warning. Inhibited bite. Uninhibited bite. Lethal,"
24	right?
25	A. Yes.



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2	Q. And then it talks about the factors on
3	slide 17 that contribute to dog bites. And one of
4	those factors is training, right?
5	A. Correct.
6	Q. And do you remember what training that's
7	referring to?
8	A. I believe that's referring to the training
9	of the animal.
10	Q. Not the training of the officer?
11	A. Correct.
12	Q. Okay. And another factor is victim
13	behavior, correct?
14	A. That's correct.
15	Q. And do you remember what was discussed
16	about victim behavior at the training?
17	A. Not specifically.
18	Q. You don't remember if they said anything
19	like if you yell at the dog, it's more likely that it
20	will attack you?
21	MS. JONES: Objection.
22	A. I don't remember them saying that.
23	Q. Okay. You don't remember them saying
24	anything about how to behave in a way that might help
25	calm the animal down?



1 OFFICER BRIAN CALA - BY MR. SHIELDS 2 I'm sure that was mentioned based on the 3 prior slide. I don't specifically remember that, but 4 it appears to be part of the training on the prior slide. 5 Where it says "vocal warning"? 6 Ο. 7 Α. Correct. 8 Now, when it says "vocal warning," do you 9 think that's talking about the dog barking? 10 That might not be the slide that I'm 11 referring to. I thought there was something on a 12 prior slide. 13 O. For the record, we're just scrolling up 14 through the prior slides right now. 15 Go forward one. 16 We can keep going through them. We went 17 back to the beginning from slide 17. You didn't see 18 what you thought you were referring to? 19 Go to like 3 or 4. 20 Next one maybe. No. Objectives. 21 I don't see it on there. I'm sorry. 22 Okay. But you reviewed this before coming today, correct? 23 24 Α. Yes. 25 0. So maybe it's in a subsequent slide?



1 OFFICER BRIAN CALA - BY MR. SHIELDS 2. It could be. Α. 3 Okay. This is back to slide 17 "Factors Contributing to Dog Bites." Let's see. So we were 4 just talking about victim behavior, right? 5 6 Α. Correct. 7 Let's keep going forward. "Dog postures." 8 Do you remember discussing this slide and the 9 different dog postures at the training? 10 Α. Yes. 11 And what do you remember learning about at the training? 12 13 A. The slide was presented. And I just 14 remember going over each picture as a general 15 reference for different dog postures as it relates 16 to -- and how to interpret what the dog means when the 17 dog does -- is in different postures. 18 Q. And when you go to someone's house and you 19 encounter a dog, is there one posture over another 20 that the dog usually takes when it sees you? 21 A. A lot of times they're in the alert 22 posture. 23 Okay. Because there's a stranger entering 24 the property? 25 Α. That's correct. I'm assuming.



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2	Q. And the next slide is "Overall Posture"?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. And then slide 20 is blacked out. Do you
5	think that might have been a video there?
6	A. Potentially.
7	Q. And then "Signals of Increasing
8	Discomfort/Stress/Tension. Warning Signs."
9	Do you remember anything about that slide?
10	A. Not in particular.
11	Q. It says "Aggression. Stop what you are
12	doing. Growling. Snarling. Showing teeth. Lunging.
13	Snapping. Biting."
14	Do you remember anything about that slide?
15	A. Just that those are indicators of
16	aggression in a dog.
17	Q. And then the next slide is "Fear
18	Aggression. Low body. All teeth showing. Crouched,
19	hunched posture, tail tucked."
20	Do you remember that slide?
21	A. Vaguely.
22	Q. Okay. The next slide says "Fear
23	Aggression. Low body. All teeth showing. Crouched.
24	Hunched posture. Tail tucked." Which I think was the
2.5	same as before with just a different picture, right?



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2	A. It appears to be.
3	Q. And then the next slide says "Offensive
4	Aggression. Posture erect. Weight forward. Tail up.
5	Mouth puckered. Front teeth showing."
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. Do you remember any discussions from the
8	training about that slide?
9	A. Not in particular.
10	Q. The next slide says the same thing just
11	with another different picture of a dog, correct?
12	A. Correct.
13	Q. And then the next slide says "Things can
14	change very quickly. Dogs can give conflicting
15	signals." But then there's another
16	blacked-out-looking screen, correct?
17	A. Yes.
18	Q. Do you remember whether or not that might
19	have been a video?
20	A. I can only assume that it was.
21	Q. But you don't remember any videos that you
22	watched?
23	A. No.
24	MS. JONES: Objection.
25	Q. Okay. The next slide says "Appeasement,"
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2	correct? And that's slide 28 that we're at right now.
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. Okay. And there's another picture of a
5	dog showing with a little commentary with written
6	words about indicators of appeasement?
7	A. Yes.
8	Q. And then the next one is
9	"Appeasement/Fear." It's another picture of a dog
10	with words and the dog looks like it's laying on its
11	back?
12	A. That's correct.
13	Q. And then slide 30 is "Stressed, Anxious,
14	Fearful." And it's a dog pictured again with various
15	commentary; is that right?
16	A. Yes, it is.
17	Q. Do you remember any specific discussions
18	about this slide from the training?
19	A. I can't, no.
20	Q. Slide 30 appears to be another video
21	that's not attached to the PDF; is that right?
22	A. Potentially.
23	Q. The title of that is "Fear, Active
24	Appeasement"?
25	A. Yes.



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2	Q. The next one is titled "Fearful, Defensive
3	Threat." And it's another blacked-out slide; is that
4	right?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. And then the next slide, 33, is entitled
7	"Stress Signals, Lip Licking." And there's some
8	pictures of dogs licking their lips?
9	A. Correct.
10	Q. The next one is "Stress Signals, mouth
11	open and relaxed to closed and tense." And two
12	pictures of different dogs, correct?
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. And then 35 "Stress Signals, head turns,
15	diverting gaze. Whale eye. Showing the whites of
16	their eyes."
17	Do you remember any specific discussions
18	about that slide?
19	A. No.
20	Q. Do you remember anything about the
21	discussion about show what it would show what
22	the whale eye means, showing the white of their eyes?
23	A. I don't.
24	Q. "Other Stress Signals" on slide 36.
25	"Shake off. Scratch. Yawning. Excessively sniffing



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2	the ground."
3	Do you remember any discussions about that
4	slide?
5	A. I can't say that I do.
6	MS. JONES: Can we take a break now that
7	we're done with stress signals?
8	MR. SHIELDS: Yeah. That works for me.
9	And it's 12 o'clock. We're probably going to go for a
10	little while longer. I don't know if you want to get
11	some food or what you want to do.
12	I'm fine to keep going.
13	THE WITNESS: I'm good to go through.
14	MS. JONES: Okay. Let me just step
15	outside for a second.
16	(The proceeding recessed at 12:00 p.m.)
17	(The proceeding reconvened at 12:10 p.m.;
18	appearances as before noted.)
19	OFFICER BRIAN CALA, resumes;
20	CONTINUING EXAMINATION BY MR. SHIELDS:
21	Q. Officer, so we're back on the record now.
22	We just took a short break, right?
23	A. Correct.
24	Q. Did you have an opportunity to speak with
25	your attorney during the break?



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2	A. I did.
3	Q. Are there any answers to any questions
4	that you already gave that you want to change your
5	answer to?
6	A. No.
7	Q. Okay. Thank you.
8	So back to Exhibit 10, the Humane Society
9	training. We're on slide 37 and the title is "Do you
10	approach these two dogs the same way?" Pepper and
11	Baby, the picture of the two dogs, do you remember any
12	discussion about this slide?
13	A. I don't specifically remember any
14	discussion about it, no.
15	Q. Okay. And slide 38 is a video apparently
16	on YouTube. Do you remember watching this video on
17	YouTube?
18	A. I don't.
19	Q. In preparation for your testimony today,
20	did you click on the link and watch the video on
21	YouTube?
22	A. No, I didn't.
23	Q. Slide 39 says "Best Practices For
24	Approaching Dogs On the Job." So it looks like that's
25	an intro to the next section. So the next slide is



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2	slide 40. It says "The Signs." And there's five
3	pictures; is that right?
4	A. Yes.
5	Q. Do you remember any specific discussions
6	about this slide at the training?
7	A. No.
8	Q. Okay. It says "The Encounter" on slide
9	41. "Announce your arrival. Jiggle fence. Whistle.
LO	Shake keys. Inquire about dogs before entering. Ask
11	for dog to be secured."
L2	Do you remember any specific discussions
L3	from the training about this slide?
L4	A. I really don't. I really don't remember
15	too much about it.
16	Q. But Sergeant Trenton did jiggle the fence,
17	right?
18	A. That's correct.
L9	Q. Did she do any of the other things or did
20	either of you do any of the other things?
21	A. No.
22	Q. Okay. You testified earlier that you
23	don't remember whether there was any discussion of how
24	long to wait before entering the yard after jiggling
25	the fence; is that right?



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2	A. That's correct.
3	Q. "Talk to the dog" on slide 42.
4	Communicate safely and appeasement. I'm sorry.
5	"Communicate Safety and Appeasement. If a dog
6	approaches and is non-threatening, allow him to
7	investigate you. Continue to speak to her. Do not
8	attempt to pet the dog."
9	Do you remember any discussion about that
10	slide?
11	A. I don't.
12	Q. Okay. And then slide 43 "Talk to the dog.
13	Communicate confidence or threat. If dog is
14	displaying threatening behavior, speak in forceful
15	tone. Give commands like sit or stay. If the dog
16	continues threatening, try to appear larger. Speak in
17	low, loud voice 'back off.'"
18	Do you remember any discussions about that
19	slide?
20	A. No.
21	Q. Slide 44 "Bite Prevention Tools." It
22	lists physical repellents. "Bite stick. Baton. ASP,
23	umbrellas. Improvised, flashlight. Stick. Rolled-up
24	magazine. Clipboard. Road flare."
25	Do you remember any specific discussions



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2	of that slide?
3	A. Just all I remember about the is
4	that slides were gone over. I don't remember any
5	specific instruction.
6	Q. Okay. You don't remember anything that
7	you learned from this slide?
8	MS. JONES: Objection.
9	A. I I don't remember the specific
.0	discussion about it.
.1	Q. You remember that you went to the training
2	and that this slide was displayed?
13	A. That's correct. I do remember seeing this
4	slide.
.5	Q. And then 45 is "Bite Prevention Tools."
6	And it lists chemical repellents like OC or citronella
L7	spray.
8_	Then it lists electronic repellents. It
9	says "Ultrasonic. Stun guns. Taser." And then it
20	says "Improvised, CO2 fire extinguisher."
21	A. Correct.
22	Q. Do you remember any specific discussion
23	about these tools listed on this slide?
24	A. Just that they were presented as tools.
25	Q. Okay. And just another question. Under



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2	electronic repellents, what would ultrasonic be? What
3	does that mean?
4	A. I don't know what that's referring to.
5	Q. And slide 46 appears to be a video that is
6	not attached, correct, or it's a blank slide?
7	A. It's a blank slide. It could be a video.
8	Q. And then slide 47 says "Suggested
9	Practice. Force continuum. Respond in a calm,
10	friendly behavior. Respond with confidence or threat.
11	Use chemical repellents like OC, pepper ball. Use
12	physical repellents like baton, bite stick, fire
13	extinguisher, taser." And then "lethal force" at the
14	bottom.
15	Do you remember any specific discussion of
16	that slide?
17	A. No specific instructions, no.
18	Q. And then slide 48 "Quick Assessment." It
19	says "Questions to ask. Has dog already bitten
20	someone? Where is the dog? Where is the owner? Are
21	there bystanders? How is the dog moving? What is the
22	dog's body language? How is dog responding to your
23	commands? What defenses do you have available? Do I
24	have an escape option?"



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Do you remember any specific discussions

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2	of that slide?
3	A. No specific, no.
4	Q. And then slide 48 I'm sorry. Slide 49,
5	it says "If You Are Bitten. Do not pull away, may
6	cause more injury. Move in to the bite, dog's
7	instinctual reflex is to release. If knocked down,
8	curl into a ball to protect your neck and throat. Try
9	not to scream or move."
10	Do you remember any specific discussions
11	of slide 49?
12	A. Just no. Just that it was presented.
13	Q. Slide 50 again says "Video." And it has
14	that same white box with an X across it, correct?
15	A. Yes.
16	Q. Okay. And then the last slide is 51. It
17	says "Questions and Discussion."
18	Do you remember any specific questions or
19	discussion from the training?
20	A. No.
21	(The following exhibit was marked for
22	identification: Number EXH 11.)
23	Q. All right. Thank you, Officer.
24	And next I want to put up what will be
25	marked as Exhibit 11. And that is if we go to the



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2	postures and it being discussed what those different
3	postures meant.
4	Q. Okay. Do you remember the substance of
5	those discussions?
6	A. I just remember that being part of the
7	training.
8	Q. Okay. Do you remember why that was part
9	of the training?
10	A. So to inform you as to what what is an
11	aggressive dog and what is not an aggressive dog.
12	Q. Before before that training, could you
13	identify an aggressive dog versus a non-aggressive
14	dog?
15	A. Yes. I believe so.
16	Q. Did the training help you identify
17	situations where maybe you had misidentified a dog as
18	being aggressive?
19	A. It potentially could, yes.
20	Q. Do you remember specifically after the
21	training any situations where you encountered a dog
22	and said to yourself well, actually this dog is not
23	being aggressive, I learned that in the training?
24	A. I'm sure. I have encountered dogs
25	hundreds of times since that training. So I'm sure



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2	that's a fair statement.
3	Q. Okay. So you think you learned something
4	from that training?
5	A. Yes.
6	Q. Okay. But you don't remember specifically
7	what was discussed about that slide?
8	A. I don't remember the specific
9	conversations that may or may not have taken place in
10	2014 regarding it.
11	Q. And then the next part of your answer in
12	interrogatory 3 you say "At an in-service with
13	live-fire exercises, the department simulated an
14	attacking dog as part of the exercise."
15	So my first question about that is, when
16	they say "simulated," how did they simulate the
17	attacking dog?
18	A. There was there was a water jug that
19	was attached to a rope. And the firearms instructor
20	would pull pull the rope and the the jug was the
21	dog.
22	Q. So the way that it was simulated, there
23	was a fast-moving
24	A. It was a fast-moving target approaching
25	you on the ground to simulate the attacking dog.



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2	Q. Got it.
3	Just to be clear so I understand,
4	simulating a dog charging at you?
5	A. Correct.
6	Q. And you had to shoot and hit the jug as it
7	moved towards you in a rapid fashion?
8	A. Correct.
9	Q. Anything else from that in-service
10	training?
11	A. No. That was that's all I remembered
12	about that.
13	Q. Okay. And that in-service training with
14	the attacking dog exercise, did that involve any
15	instruction about how to use any less-than-lethal
16	force against a dog?
17	A. No.
18	Q. Did it involve any other training or
19	instructions about how to avoid shooting a dog?
20	A. No.
21	Q. So the training was just limited to
22	accurately firing your gun at a dog that's charging at
23	you?
24	A. Correct.
25	Q. And then the last part of your answer for



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interrogatory number 3 says "I will add that when I
was in field training, I was taught to survey an area
for a dog. You would look for footprints in the snow
a chain, food, water bowl or something similar that
indicated that a dog resides there. I have relayed
the same instruction each time I was a field training
officer."
Okay. So is that everything that you
listed there about surveying an area for a dog or is
there more that you might do?
A. You may check you might check the
perimeter of the yard.
Q. Okay. Anything else?
A. Not that I can think of right now. Aside
from shaking the fence or approaching.
Q. So basically you're saying when you
approach a property, you should check for signs that
there might be a dog there, right?
A. Correct.
Q. And the reason you would check is so that
you're prepared before you enter the property, right?
A. Correct.
MS. JONES: Objection.
A. That's correct.



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2	Q. Okay. So were you trained to do anything
3	else when you enter a fenced-in residential property
4	to ensure the safety of dogs and people?
5	MS. JONES: Objection.
6	A. Other than announce your presence as a
7	police officer, entering entering either whether
8	a house or not necessarily on property, but it
9	could depend on the situation.
0	Q. But you didn't do that here, right?
1	A. No.
2	Q. I want to go back to the top to
13	interrogatory number 1.
4	Interrogatory number 1 says "Identify all
15	writings you created related to the incident including
-6	notes and reports and the location where said writings
_7	are stored. If copies of said writings are stored in
8	multiple locations such as both electronically or more
19	than one paper location, so state. If any writings
20	you created was destroyed, so state."
21	And your answer was "I do not remember
22	writing anything down regarding the incident."
23	Is that is that still your answer,
24	Officer Cala?
2.5	A. Yeah. I do not remember writing anything



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down. I know that the supervisor completes the
incident report. So I know that I definitely did not
complete an incident report. I don't remember taking
any notes at the time of the incident.
Q. Okay. You don't remember taking any
notes?
A. No.
Q. I'm just going to tell you if you want
to watch it, we can watch some of your body-camera
footage which shows that you've got a little notepad
and you're taking notes. I just have some questions
about that.
First, did you look for any notes from
your notepad when you were responding to this
question?
A. I can tell you that I don't have a notepad
if it's not the current notepad that I'm using. So
I I did not look for any notes.
Q. Okay. So you see part of the question
says "If any writing you created was destroyed, so
state"?
A. Right. If I remembered taking notes, I
would have stated that there was that it was



destroyed or whatever the case may be.

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2	But I believe what you're saying. If
3	you're saying it's on video, it's on the video. I
4	don't remember taking notes. It's not to say that I
5	didn't take notes.
6	Q. Okay. So you said that if you took notes
7	in the notepad that you had on the date of this
8	incident in 2018 that you'd no longer have it; is that
9	correct?
10	A. That's correct.
11	Q. What do you do with the notepad when
12	you're done with it?
13	A. I discard it.
14	Q. Is there any rule for the RPD that
15	requires you to maintain those notes?
16	A. We're supposed to maintain notes for cases
17	and turn them over as discovery. I do that if I make
18	an arrest in a case. I did not retain the notebook.
19	Q. Okay. So your personal practice is to
20	discard the notebook when it's completed?
21	A. Correct.
22	Q. There is no rule from the RPD or the city
23	that requires you to maintain possession of the
24	notebooks?
25	MS. JONES: Objection.



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2	I think you already asked this.
3	Q. The city provides you with those
4	notebooks, correct?
5	A. Correct.
6	Q. Do you have one on you right now?
7	A. I don't. This isn't the shirt I normally
8	wear.
9	Q. In the shirt you normally wear, where do
10	you store your notepad?
11	A. In my left pocket. I'm sorry. The
12	front front right pocket.
13	Q. Front right pocket underneath your name
14	tag?
15	A. Correct.
16	Q. And that's something that you carry with
17	you every day when you're on duty?
18	A. Correct.
19	Q. It's something that you use every day
20	you're on duty?
21	MS. JONES: Objection.
22	A. Not necessarily.
23	Q. Okay. Is there any requirement for the
24	information and by "requirement," I mean is there
25	any rule or policy of the city regarding what



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2	information you're required to write down in the
3	notepad?
4	A. No.
5	Q. When it's the end of your shift, what do
6	you do with your current notepad?
7	A. I typically wear a vest. My vest cover
8	that retains my bulletproof vest, it stays in that
9	vest cover.
10	Q. It's like in your locker or something?
11	A. Correct.
12	Q. When you say going back to your prior
13	answer about if you make an arrest and you have to
14	save those notes related to that incident, what do you
15	do?
16	A. I rip them out of the notebook and include
17	them with the package that goes to the district
18	attorney's office.
19	Q. So the small little page itself that would
20	be in the notebook would go to the DA?
21	A. Correct.
22	Q. How long do those little notebooks usually
23	last you before you fill them up?
24	A. It depends. I don't know.
25	Q. Do other officers, to your knowledge, have



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2	different practices from you? Do they maintain their
3	notebooks like in their locker or anything?
4	MS. JONES: Objection. Hypothetical.
5	A. I've known people that keep them and I've
6	known people that haven't kept them.
7	Q. So different people have different
8	practices. And that's allowed by the RPD rules and
9	regulations, right?
10	MS. JONES: Objection.
11	A. I don't I don't know.
12	Q. I mean, you testified that different
13	people do different things, right?
14	A. Correct.
15	Q. And is your answer then that you don't
16	know what the rules and regulations of the RPD require
17	regarding maintaining those notebooks?
18	MS. JONES: Objection.
19	A. No. It's not my testimony.
20	Q. Okay. I'm sorry. I just want to make
21	sure I understand.
22	The RPD does not require you to maintain
23	them?
24	A. No. They do.
25	Q. The RPD requires that you maintain all of



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2	your notebooks?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. So if you throw out your notebooks, then
5	that's a violation of the RPD's policies?
6	A. That's correct.
7	Q. So you should have been able to produce
8	your notebook in this case, but you can't because you
9	threw it out?
10	A. That's right.
11	Q. And that's a violation of the RPD's
12	policies?
13	A. That's right.
14	Q. Do you still do that with all of your
15	notebooks?
16	A. I'm not on the road currently.
17	Q. And when you were on the road, were you
18	still throwing out the notebooks?
19	A. As of?
20	Q. The last time that you were on the road.
21	A. No. I have my current notebook.
22	Q. So you're saying that the RPD's policies
23	only require you to maintain your current notebook?
24	MS. JONES: Objection.
25	A. No.



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2	Q. All right. I think I understand your
3	answer. But to make sure I understand, you're
4	supposed to maintain all of them?
5	MS. JONES: Is this a joke?
6	MR. SHIELDS: Absolutely not a joke.
7	MS. JONES: I think you asked this like 20
8	times.
9	MR. SHIELDS: I'm still literally confused
10	or I wouldn't be continuing to ask.
11	MS. JONES: This is hilarious.
12	Q. Can I this is probably going to be the
13	same exact thing I just asked. Just so I'm clear
14	MS. JONES: Really?
15	Q you're supposed to maintain copies of
16	the notebooks. And if you don't, then and you
17	throw them out, that's a violation of RPD's policies?
18	A. My understanding
19	MS. JONES: Objection.
20	Asked and answered. You can answer.
21	A my understanding is that you should
22	retain them for two years.
23	Q. Okay. Do you know where the two-year time
24	limit came from?
25	A. I don't. I believe it's in the general



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2	orders somewhere, but I'm not sure.
3	Q. All right. And if this lawsuit was filed
4	within two years of this incident, then you should
5	have had you should have maintained and found that
6	notebook still, right?
7	A. Yes.
8	Q. All right. Thank you.
9	So let's move on to interrogatory number 2
10	which says "Describe every instance where you
11	discharged a firearm during the line of duty including
12	the date, the intended target, a person versus a dog
13	or something else, your assignment at the time, the
14	weapon discharged, whether the discharge was found to
15	have been justified and/or whether the discharge was
16	found to have violated any departmental policy."
17	So first let's talk about the dogs.
18	So your answer was "I have discharged my
19	firearm five times in incidents involving dogs." So
20	before we read the rest of it, that's four times
21	before this incident and then the fifth would be this
22	incident; is that is that right?
23	A. It is.
24	Q. Okay. So then the next paragraph of your
25	answer says "Two involved vicious dogs that were loose



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2	and chasing people on Mason Street. Both times the
3	dog ended up coming at me and I discharged my firearm
4	at the dog." So questions about that first.
5	So these are two separate incidents?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. Okay. Tell me everything that you
8	remember about the first incident.
9	A. We're going back 20 years, so I don't I
10	responded to a call for dogs two dogs chasing
11	people on Mason Street. I responded there and I was
12	in the area looking for potential victims. And one of
13	the dogs came out of a driveway and charged at me.
14	And I fired one round at the dog killing the dog.
15	Q. Do you remember the date?
16	A. I don't. It's like I said, this
17	was this was at least 20 years ago.
18	Q. Okay. So you were a newer officer at the
19	time?
20	A. Yes.
21	Q. About how many years on the job were you?
22	MS. JONES: Objection.
23	A. I I really don't recall the date of the
24	incident.
25	Q. Before or after 911?



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2	Α.	Before.
3	Q.	Do you remember what kind of dog it was?
4	Α.	Pit Bull.
5	Q.	You just fired one round?
6	Α.	Correct.
7	Q.	Do you remember where you shot the dog on
8	its body?	
9	Α.	I don't.
10	Q.	And do you know if the dog died?
11	Α.	Yes, it did.
12	Q.	Did you suffer any physical injuries?
13	Α.	No.
14	Q.	Do you know if the dog had injured anyone
15	else?	
16	Α.	I don't believe so.
17	Q.	And other than the incident occurring on
18	Mason Stree	t, do you remember anything else about the
19	location or	the address?
20	Α.	No.
21	Q.	After the incident, were there any
22	internal in	vestigations?
23	Α.	Yes.
24	Q.	Is that standard or something else?
25	Α.	Standard.



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2	Q. And do you know the outcome of that
3	investigation?
4	A. I was found exonerated.
5	Q. Did they provide you with any paperwork
6	that said exonerated?
7	A. Yes.
8	Q. That was conducted by PSS?
9	A. Correct.
10	Q. And would that be in your personnel file,
11	do you know?
12	A. It should be, yes.
13	Q. Did you have to write any reports or
14	anything related to that incident?
15	A. I I believe I there was there was
16	a point in time when it changed from the officer
17	writing the report for a dog shot to a supervisor
18	writing the report. So I can't tell you 100 percent.
19	I believe I may have written a report for that one.
20	Q. As part of the PSS investigation, did you
21	have to give any testimony?
22	A. Not in that case, no.
23	Q. Okay. Anything else that you remember
24	about that first incident on Mason Street?
25	A. No.



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2	the intersection of Tacoma Street.
3	Q. And when you shot the dog, were you in the
4	street or something else?
5	A. I was in the street.
6	Q. And going back to the first incident, were
7	you in the street or something else?
8	A. I was in the street.
9	Q. And did that second dog die?
10	A. Yes.
11	Q. Okay. Were you injured in the second
12	incident?
13	A. No.
14	Q. Was anyone else injured?
15	A. Not that I'm aware of.
16	Q. And did PSS investigate that incident?
17	A. Yes.
18	Q. And what was the outcome of that
19	investigation?
20	A. The same as the first.
21	Q. And did you have to testify in that PSS
22	investigation?
23	A. No.
24	Q. And do you remember if you wrote any
25	reports for that investigation or that incident?



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2	A. I don't. I would imagine that I may have
3	at that period of time, but I don't remember 100
4	percent.
5	Q. Do you remember any other officers that
6	might have witnessed that incident?
7	A. Sergeant Beth Laird.
8	Q. L-A-I-R-D?
9	A. Correct.
10	Q. Is Sergeant Laird still with the
11	department?
12	A. Yes.
13	Q. And same question for the first incident,
L4	any officers that witnessed the first incident?
15	A. No.
16	Q. Anyone other than Sergeant Laird that
L7	witnessed the second incident?
18	A. No.
19	Q. Anything else that you remember about that
20	second incident?
21	A. No.
22	Q. Okay. Now, according to your
23	interrogatory response, you say the third incident
24	says "Another incident occurred on Elser Terrace off
25	 Maple Street. It was a loose dog call. An individual



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was trapped in their car because every time the	
individual tried to exit, the dog would approach. I	
attempted to escort the person out of the car to	
inside the location, but could not."	
Okay. So same general questions. First	,
can you just tell me everything that you remember	
about that third incident?	
A. I responded to a call on Elser Terrace	
where a female was in her vehicle after going	
shopping. She called and said she couldn't get out o	эf
her car because there was an aggressive Pit Bull that	_
wouldn't let her out of her car.	
The dog was circling around the car upon	
my arrival, so we just told the woman to stay in the	
car. At some point during that incident, the dog	
backed off and went southbound on Elser Terrace	
and and was out of site.	
At that point, we attempted to get the	
woman out of her car, myself when I say "we,"	
myself and who is now Lieutenant Rob Wilson was on	
scene for this. And we attempted to escort her to he	∍r
house so that she can get inside the house. At which	n



point the dog reappeared from a yard. We were on the

sidewalk and we both fired at the animal.

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2	Q. How far away was the dog when you fired at
3	the animal?
4	A. Within 21 feet.
5	Q. Okay. So it could have been closer than
6	20 feet?
7	A. Definitely could have been closer.
8	Q. What was the dog doing when you fired at
9	it?
10	A. The dog was charging towards the two of us
11	again in an aggressive manner and barking and teeth
12	exposed. And we fired multiple rounds at the dog
13	killing the dog.
14	Q. Okay. Do you remember how many rounds you
15	fired?
16	A. I want to say three.
17	Q. Do you remember how many Lieutenant Wilson
18	fired?
19	A. I don't.
20	Q. Did the dog die?
21	A. Yes.
22	Q. Do you remember the date of the incident?
23	A. I don't.
24	Q. Before or after 911?
25	A. Probably after. I could tell you it was



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2	prior to 2004.
3	Q. Okay. How do you know it was before 2004?
4	A. Because we went through a reorganization
5	in 2004. So I know that when I was working with
6	Lieutenant Wilson in that section of the police
7	department that was prior to 2004.
8	Q. What section were you working at the time?
9	A. Maple section.
10	Q. Were you injured in that incident?
11	A. No, I wasn't.
12	Q. Was anyone else injured in that incident?
13	A. No.
14	Q. And did PSS conduct an investigation?
15	A. Yes.
16	Q. And what was the conclusion?
17	A. Same as the first three.
18	Q. This is the third one.
19	A. I'm sorry. The first two then.
20	Q. Okay. Did you have to testify?
21	A. No.
22	Q. And do you remember if you wrote any
23	reports for this incident?
24	A. I don't.
25	Q. Were there any other officers that



1	OFFICER BRIAN CALA - BY MR. SHIELDS
2	witnessed this incident other than Lieutenant Wilson?
3	A. No.
4	Q. Do you know of any other witnesses
5	A. No.
6	Q other than the woman?
7	A. I don't know. Again, I don't remember.
8	This was a long time ago. I don't remember if she was
9	listed as a witness or if she ran in the house. I
10	don't recall.
11	Q. For that interrogatory response in the
12	prior incidents that we talked about, did you review
13	any documents to answer those questions?
14	A. No, I didn't.
15	Q. So that's just from your memory?
16	A. Correct.
17	Q. And the fourth incident occurred on
18	Campbell Park or Wetmore Park?
19	A. I'm not sure which street it was.
20	Q. It says "An animal control officer called
21	for assistance while attempting to capture a loose and
22	aggressive Pit Bull. The dog came aggressively at the
23	animal control officer and then it bit him."
24	So same questions. Tell me everything you
25	remember about that incident.



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A. Animal control was attempting to take into custody a dog that was loose in the neighborhood. They called for police assistance just due to the nature of -- the aggressive nature of the dog. I responded. He told me to just, you know, be his cover because he was having trouble taking the dog into custody.

The dog charged at the animal control officer, which he was able to deflect the dog due to him having a stick. And the dog then turned its focus towards me. And I fired one round at the dog striking it in the foot.

Q. Okay. So you shot one round and it hit the dog in the foot.

Was that immediately after the animal control officer was able to deflect the dog with the stick?

- A. Yes. All one fluid motion.
- Q. And the dog charged at the animal control officer and then he deflected it with the stick?
 - A. Correct.
- Q. So you've seen somebody use less lethal force against a dog and not -- to avoid being attacked by a dog?



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2	A. I have.
3	Q. In any other instance have you seen
4	somebody use less lethal force with a dog to avoid
5	being attacked?
6	A. No.
7	Q. That's the only time?
8	A. Yup.
9	Q. Okay. Do you remember the date of that
10	incident?
11	A. I don't.
12	Q. But it was after the third incident?
13	A. Correct.
14	Q. It was after the reorganization?
15	A. That's correct.
16	Q. So sometime after 2004?
17	A. Yes. That's my best estimate.
18	Q. Okay. Do you think it was before 2010?
19	MS. JONES: Objection.
20	A. I really I really don't know.
21	Q. So it could have been after 2010?
22	A. Yeah. It could have been after.
23	Q. It was before 2016?
24	MS. JONES: Objection.
25	He said he doesn't remember.



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2	A. I don't I don't remember.
3	Q. 2016 is when RPD began wearing body-worn
4	cameras.
5	A. So it was prior to body-worn cameras.
6	Q. So somewhere between 2004 and 2016?
7	A. What was the first year?
8	Q. 2004.
9	A. 2004 and 2016, correct. That's correct.
10	Q. Do you remember anything else about the
11	location or the address?
12	A. I don't even remember which street it was.
13	I want to say it was one of those two streets. I know
14	it was in that general vicinity.
15	Q. What was your assignment at the time?
16	A. I was assigned to Lake section, second
17	platoon.
18	Q. What's the time for second platoon?
19	A. 6:45 a.m. to 3 p.m.
20	Q. So it was during the day?
21	A. Correct.
22	Q. Were you injured in that incident?
23	A. No.
24	Q. Did the dog live?
25	A. Yes.



1	OFFICER BRIAN CALA - BY MR. SHIELDS
2	Q. Was anyone else injured?
3	A. No.
4	Q. PSS did an investigation?
5	A. Correct.
6	Q. And what was the conclusion?
7	A. Exonerated.
8	Q. And did you testify?
9	A. No.
10	Q. Do you remember writing any reports?
11	A. No.
12	Q. You don't remember or you definitely
13	didn't?
14	A. I definitely didn't. Because I would say
15	by that time the procedure had changed.
16	Q. And since PSS investigated all these
17	incidents, do you think that should be in your
18	personnel file?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. Do you know if the PSS investigations are
21	just because they were firearm discharges?
22	MS. JONES: Objection.
23	A. My understanding of it is anytime a
24	discharge takes place, that's there's an
25	investigation. So I don't know if that's the only

